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: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
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This is a decision on the petition filed September 7, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.47(b) to accord this reissue application status in the absence of the signature of the sole inventor Dinsmore.

The petition is granted.

This application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(b). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(b) status and the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) is authorized to

- (1) accept this application under Rule 1.47(b);
- (2) process the application with the inventor being Dinsmore and with the indication that the application was filed by Mark G. Lappin as the party in interest under 35 U.S.C. § 118, using the reissue declaration filed on September 7, 2004; and
- (3) mail a filing receipt with a filing date of November 20, 2003.

As provided in Rule 1.47(b), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being referred to OIPE for further processing.

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